



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 21, 2005

### **H.R. 3827** **Immigration Relief for Hurricane Katrina Victims Act of 2005**

*As introduced on September 20, 2005*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3827 would not result in any significant cost to the federal government. Enacting H.R. 3827 could affect direct spending, but CBO estimates that any such effects would not be significant. H.R. 3827 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 3827 would provide administrative relief to individuals whose immigration status was affected by the impact of Hurricane Katrina. The bill would extend deadlines for filing applications for certain types of immigration status, extend deadlines for entering or leaving the United States, and relax other requirements relating to the provision of immigration benefits.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3827 would not significantly affect spending by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide immigration services to persons affected by Hurricane Katrina. We expect that many of the bill's provisions would be implemented by DHS, even in the absence of this legislation. The bill could increase Medicaid spending by extending the period of U.S. residence for certain immigrants, but any such increases would be less than \$500,000 annually because of the relatively small number of persons likely to be affected.

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